

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 20th August 2018 at 7:30pm in Llanbedr Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs John Morris (Acting Chair), Howard Tohill, Dave Sharman, Phill Bowker, Dean Christy, Colin Alford and Elaine Lusted.

In attendance: Two members of the public and Maria James (*Clerk*).

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Caroline Fairclough and Cty Cllr John Morris

2. Declarations of Interest: None declared.

3. Planning:

3.1 Applications:

(i) **18/16412/FUL:** Conservatory extension on south elevation - including steel roof over conservatory/existing facilities – internal alterations to create ground floor bedroom with ensuite wet room. **Pentwyn Farm, Llangenny NP8 1HD**

RESOLVED: *to fully support this application.*

(ii) **18/16402/FUL:** Elevational alterations to former Ammo Store and Gas Chambers to facilitate bat access. **Former Army Camp Cwrt Y Gollen, Crickhowell**

RESOLVED: *to submit response of no objection, but question time taken considering the original application was approved years previously.*

3.2 Decisions:

(i) **18/16250/FUL:** Sharuhen, Llangenny NP8 1ET has been permitted.

4. County Council Report: None received - *Cty Cllr Morris was not present.*

5. Minutes of 16th July 2018 Meeting [Page 1222- 1225] . Subject to two amendments (*i. Cllr Sharman added to apologies; ii. spelling of Cllr Bowker's name corrected*) Cllr Tohill proposed the above minutes be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Bowker and duly approved.

6. Matters Arising from the Above Minutes for information purposes:

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Ms Bronwen Bermingham is prepared to continue as the council's internal auditor – agreed to proceed on the same basis as last year.

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Fund does not open for applications until October 2018 - closing date January 2019 – the letter has been drafted for circulation and will be sent within the next couple of weeks.

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The Wordpress plan has been up-graded to remove adverts from web site.

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Electronic speed camera – NMWTRA has referred request to Welsh Government.

7. Llanbedr Allotments/Nature Garden: WWHA arranged for sheds to be delivered however the Allotment Society had not been informed and bases had not been prepared. The sheds will be delivered and positioned on site once bases are ready.

WWHA also inform:

- It is unlikely they will be able to help with the school's car park planning application.
- A landscaper is to be instructed to prepare the nature garden and plant a row of hedges to the south of the allotments.
- The curb stones will be removed from site when additional work is undertaken to the highway.
- They will determine ownership of the strip of grass outside the allotment fence.

Rubbish was reported to have been dumped in the nature garden – suggested WWHA is asked to write to tenants requesting rubbish is not left in the nature garden.

RESOLVED: *to arrange meeting with Allotment Society to discuss progress and contact WWHA as detailed.*

- 8. Retrospective Planning Applications:** Members expressed concern at the amount of retrospective planning applications being dealt with citing examples of architects advising clients to apply retrospectively instead of obtaining permission prior to commencing work. A formal review of the planning system is considered necessary – financial penalties may need to be imposed to encourage compliance with planning requirements. It was agreed to write to the Welsh Government requesting guide-lines on retrospective planning. This matter to remain on the agenda for the foreseeable future.

RESOLVED: *to write to the Minister requesting guide-lines on retrospective planning.*

- 9. Electronic Planning Notifications:** *to be discussed at a later meeting.*

- 10. Any Other Business for information only:** The consultation on BBNPA Delivery Agreement and Review Report concerning the revision of the Local Development Plan was discussed – the deadline for comments was noted to be the 30th August 2018.

11. Finance:

- (i) Cllr Tothill proposed the following items be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Sharman and duly agreed: Staff (Salary/Exp) £267.27, HMRC (Tax) £49.40, Crickhowell & District Archive Centre (Donation) £50; One Voice Wales (Conference) £170; E Lusted (Members Communication Allowance) £150; G M James (reimbursement of cost of up-grading web site) £36
- (ii) The finance report was noted.
- (iii) Other Financial Matters – none reported.

12. Highways: the following items were reiterated:

- Glangrwyney – poor visibility on entering A40 - hedges need trimming.
- Fence by salmon leap broken.
- Yellow lines in Crickhowell - *ongoing*

- 13. Reports on Meetings Attended:** Cllr Sharman attended the Independent Review Panel Stakeholder Information Session held in Llandrindod Wells and gave a verbal report on The Panel's findings/recommendations. The Clerk explained the meeting could be viewed on-line via the twitter link previously circulated.

14. Correspondence: the following correspondence was noted and discussed as required:

1. **Crickhowell TC:** response from BBNPA regarding electronic planning notifications.
2. **BBNPA:** agenda for PAROW meeting – 30th July 2018
3. **BBNPA:** agenda for Audit and Scrutiny Committee meeting - 30th July, 2018

4. **BBNPA:** weekly planning registers (13/07/18, 20/07/18, 27/07/18, 03/08/18)
5. **Independent Review Panel:** Stakeholder Information Session – 15th August Llandrindod Wells
6. **OVW:** Call for evidence – Delivery of housing through the planning system
7. **Cwmdy CC:** notes of Five Councils Meeting – 19th July
8. **OVW:** WG Consultation – Banning use of combustible materials in external walls of high-rise residential buildings.
9. **OVW:** Consultation: Autism (Wales) Bill
10. **BBNPA:** 18/16402/FUL – agenda
11. **Powys CC:** Survey/events held by Growing Mid Wales Partnership - Economic Action Plan
12. **BBNPA:** 18/16412/FUL – agenda
13. **Cty Cllr Morris:** meeting with PCC re signs (No MOD) – week 10-14th Sept (mornings)
14. **OVW:** July 2018 News Bulletin
15. **Welsh Government:** Gwlad newsletter 2 August 2018
16. **Powys Teaching Health Board:** Powys 111 and GP Out of Hours Stakeholder Bulletin
17. **Welsh Government News:** August 2018
18. **OVW:** Consultation: Supporting and Promoting the Welsh Language:
19. **IRM:** How to watch 15th August Event live - https://twitter.com/WG_localgov
20. **IRM/OVW:** CTC Review Event in Llandrindod Wells
21. **IRM:** August newsletter and outline of findings/recommendations from the panel
22. **OVW:** Welsh Government - consultation on Petroleum Extraction Policy in Wales
23. **Shrewsbury Model Railway Show** - Saturday 20th October
24. **Michael Cresswell NRW** – follow up-meeting re fenced area at Grwyne Fawr *Clerk to confirm*
25. **BBNPA** – permitted 18/16250/FUL
26. **Llanbedr Hall Association** – receipt for donation
27. **Llangenny School Hall** – receipt for donation
28. **Llangenny Churchyard Fund** – receipt for donation
29. **Crickhowell & District Archive Centre** - Exhibition to Commemorate Centenary of WW1 Armistice – thanks for offer of support
30. **Wales Air Ambulance** – thanks for donation
31. **Powys Teaching Health Board** – views on proposal to locate a single adult thoracic surgery centre at Morriston Hospital, Swansea
32. **Brecon Advice Centre:** Report and Accounts – funding request

15. Miscellaneous/Late Items of Correspondence

1. **WWHA:** allotment update
2. **B Bermingham:** confirmation happy to remain as internal auditor
3. **PCC:** Growing Mid Wales – Economic Action Plan Consultation Survey (Circulated)
4. **Welsh Government News** – August 17th News (Circulated)
5. **PCC:** Council Tax - Eligibility for Reductions (Guidance) (Circulated)
6. **J Wassall:** resignation from Council
7. **BBNPA:** weekly planning register 10/08/18 (circulated)

16. Items for inclusion in the next Agenda

- Retrospective planning
- Community Newsletter

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

Signed:
Chairman